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## Press Note

### NEET Challenged : DEEPER filed PIL is SC

Single National CET is demanded for Medical & Engineering with total transparency and notification to that effect is published without any ambiguity well in time by considering students & parents views. DEEPER, Pune based NGO moved to Supreme Court against Centre & State govt. to get the relief regarding consistent dilemmatic situation of conduction of NEET- National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test during this year in 2012.

DEEPER, an NGO working for the students, Parents, Teachers & Colleges for the betterment of CET results since past 5 years. Mr. Harish Butle, Founder secretary filed this PIL on 15/10/2011 through their advocate Mr. Asim Sarode (09850821117).

Medical Council of India (MCI) decided to conduct NEET for admissions to MBBS courses all over India, without seeking permission from the Health Ministry, MCI notified the exam. On objection by health ministry, MCI withdrawn the same notification, but as per the Supreme Court guidelines declared the CORE syllabus for NEET. On seeking objections on the same syllabus, MCI now intends to conduct NEET in 2012; notification of the same is yet to be published.

On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010, HRD minister Kapil Sibbal declared that there will be common CET all over India as per core curriculum. To align their syllabus all the state boards started upgrading their syllabus. In 2011-12 for XI std and 2012-2013 for XII syllabus will be as per the core curriculum to face National CET in 2013.

In such smooth transition, MCI started preparation to conduct NEET in 2012, which is a main cause of concern. Because during this year students studying in XII are now preparing for their state board syllabus and proposed NEET will be on Core Curriculum which is having major difference. Moreover when these students were in XI, they studied their state board syllabus. Proposed NEET exam is based on 2 years syllabus. In such case, students studying in XII this year will suffer to the large extent and it will be totally unfair.

Meanwhile HRD minister Kapil Sibbal, declared that there will be common entrance exam for Engineering from 2013. In such scenario, why MCI is demanding NEET in 2012? If at all MCI, wants to go ahead, why the notification to that effect is not published till date? What will be the nature of Exam? Whether there will negative Marking? What will be position of state quota? Whether it will remain intact or there will be nationwide admission process? Nothing is clear as yet, and then on what basis MCI will conduct NEET in 2012?

It was our state govt responsibility to look into this matter, but state also gave its consensus for NEET. Whenever this issue cropped up, state always replied that they will file writ petition in this matter in Supreme Court. In this matter, the stands taken by Medical Education Minister, Directorate of Medical Education & research (DMER) and Chief Minister, Maharashtra State always remained dilemmatic.

On these grounds to get the crystal clear approach regarding all the aspects of National CET, in the interest of students, DEEPER issued notices to all the concerned parties and gave them sufficient time to rectify the ambiguities. Unfortunately none of the seven Respondent parties send any clarification on the said issue, that's why DEEPER in the interest of students, filed PIL in Supreme Court.

In this petition, DEEPER tried to show all the issues related to transparency, Accuracy & Quality aspects of the proposed National CET with reference to existing AIEEE, AIPMT, MHT-CET and also suggested some additional transparency aspects practiced during DEEPER examination.

To bring the absolute Transparency in the exam DEEPER demanded question Paper after the exam, Carbon Copy of the answer sheet, Correct Answer Keys, scanned answer sheet templates for download on the date of result and comprehensive result declaration with comparative analysis on the Mark list with photograph. The flawless exam conduction is also major concern. All above points are students' rights when they give any public exam.

**Main Prayers in the Petition :**

1. There should be Single National CET instead of different CET's for Medical & engineering.
2. Not to allow MCI to conduct NEET for MBBS only.
3. NEET not to be conducted in 2012
4. NEET to be conducted by removing all the shortcomings as stated in the petition
5. By considering all the technicalities in NEET, it should be notified well in advance.
6. State-wide seat distribution to be declared while notifying NEET
7. If books prepared by Maharashtra state Board are at par with the core syllabus, state be directed to file an affidavit to that effect.
8. If NEET is not conducted as per the demanded norms, state be directed to continue with MHT-CET with modifications suggested for all Govt., Private and deemed university attached colleges.
9. No vague statements be issued to the press regarding Proposed CET, unless it is notified.
10. While deciding Merit of Medical and Engineering, XII state boards marks be considered to certain extent.

Thanks !

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